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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: ARGO Meeting, 28 January 1970

1. The ARGO meeting was conducted by [] of PSAC Staff since [] Director of ARGO, was on a trip. 25X1
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2. The primary purpose of this meeting was to allow NASA to brief on the ERTS satellite system and define the outputs from that system. They (NASA) presently plan to utilize about 35,000 sq. ft. of floor space to house the computers for this single effort.
3. The system includes a High Resolution Television System (HRTS) and a 4-channel Multispectral Scanner (MSS). Both these systems will provide digital information back to the three ground receiving stations within the continental United States. These telemetry stations are at Greenbelt, Md., Corpus Christi, Texas, and on the West Coast (I missed the name of the third station).
4. Both imaging systems will be long-life systems that will provide repeated coverage of the United States on a scheduled basis.
5. Either General Electric or TRW will be the software contractor for this system and all data will be transferred to Goddard for handling.
6. The second major item of interest was the establishment of a study group to determine a plan for national disasters. [] of NASA was named director of the study group, and ARGO is requesting each of the participating agencies to name committee members by 10 February 1970. The first meeting of the study group will be immediately after the members are named. 25X1
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7. The study group will recommend to ARGO a plan for generation of all data necessary for national disasters. This will include (a) data acquisition such as flying photography, tasking the classified systems, integration of data into a single data base; (b) data reduction including tiger teams for interpretation; (c) analysis of the data such as mapping, detailed reporting and definition of problem areas; and (d) recommending plans for action by other government agencies as well as State and local governments. It was not clear as to whether NPIC would have a member on this study group or not.

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8. The third item discussed at this meeting was conducted by [redacted] and dealt with the need of understanding of the NASA group in the amount of pre- and post-preparation that is necessary for exploitation of imagery. It was suggested that the next ARGO meeting be held in NPIC for the express purpose of giving the entire group a better idea of the amount of technology involved in the door-to-door operation of an exploitation system. It was pointed out that the development of equipment and the R&D efforts involved as well as the time required in R&D would be of benefit to the group.

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9. This next meeting is to be held at NPIC the first week of March, and should include briefings on data handling, computer interfaces, and research and development, as well as data flow and analysis generation.



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